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# S. 1824

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 1996

Mr. SIMPSON (for himself and Mr. THOMAS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. STUDY OF GRAZING USE.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
5       conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain agricul-  
6       tural and ranch lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton  
7       National Park, Wyoming, consisting of—

1           (1) privately held land associated with the es-  
2       tate of Mrs. Jeannine Porter Gill that has appur-  
3       tenant grazing privileges within Grand Teton Na-  
4       tional Park, Wyoming, under permit number IFA  
5       GRTE 2600 007, authorized under section 4(c) of  
6       the Act entitled “An Act to establish a new Grand  
7       Teton National Park in the State of Wyoming, and  
8       for other purposes”, approved September 14, 1950  
9       (16 U.S.C. 406d–2(c)); and

10          (2) any land adjacent to the park that is owned  
11       by the holder of the permit, the use and disposition  
12       of which may affect accomplishment of the purposes  
13       of the Act.

14       (b) PURPOSE.—The study shall—

15          (1) determine the significance of the ranching  
16       use and pastoral character (including open vistas,  
17       wildlife habitat, and other public benefits) of the  
18       land under the permit;

19          (2) determine the significance of that use and  
20       character to the purposes for which Grand Teton  
21       National Park was established; and

22          (3) identify any need for preservation of, and  
23       practicable means of preserving, the land that is  
24       necessary to protect that use and character.

1 (c) PARTICIPATION.—In conducting the study, the  
 2 Secretary of the Interior shall seek participation from the  
 3 Governor of the State of Wyoming, the Teton County  
 4 Commissioners, the Secretary of Agriculture, affected  
 5 landowners, and other interested members of the public.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 1997, the Sec-  
 7 retary of the Interior shall submit a report to Congress  
 8 that contains the findings of the study under subsection  
 9 (a) and requests direction from Congress on any actions  
 10 that may be taken with respect to the land described in  
 11 subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF GRAZING PERMIT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-  
 14 retary of the Interior shall reinstate, if necessary, and ex-  
 15 tend until June 1, 1997, the grazing permit described in  
 16 section 1(a)(1), under the same terms and conditions as  
 17 were in effect prior to its expiration.

18 (b) EFFECT OF CHANGE IN LAND USE.—If, during  
 19 the period of the study, any portion of the land described  
 20 in section 1(a)(1) is disposed of in a manner that would  
 21 result in the portion's no longer being used for ranching  
 22 or other agricultural purposes, the Secretary of the Inte-  
 23 rior shall cancel the extension of the permit with respect  
 24 to that portion.

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